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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Secretary's Office Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. & Pine Belt PCS, Inc.

First Quarter 2004 TTY Status Report - CC Docket No. 94-102

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pine Belt Cellular, Inc., and Pine Belt PCS, Inc., hereby submit a Joint TTY Status Report for the first quarter 2004, pursuant to the Commission's directive in the *Fourth Report* and *Order* (released December 14, 2000) and Order (released June 28, 2002) in this docket.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

By:

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cc: D'wana Terry, Chief

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Attachment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, Order, CC Docket 94-102, para. 24 (rel. June 28, 2002) (Commission requiring that quarter reports continue for carriers seeking additional time).

## PINE BELT CELLULAR, INC. & PINE BELT PCS, INC. TTY STATUS REPORT APRIL 15, 2004

Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. and Pine Belt PCS, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt Wireless" or "Companies") have requested waiver of the FCC's requirement for digital wireless carriers to obtain all software upgrades and equipment necessary to make their systems capable of transmitting 911 calls from TTY devices ("TTY Rules"). The Amended Petition seeks a temporary waiver of the TTY Rule until May 23, 2004.

In January 2004, Pine Belt Wireless reported that RUS had given its approval for the negotiations of a contract for the switch upgrade with Lucent. Pine Belt Wireless reported that it sent the necessary specifications to Lucent and was in the final stages of negotiating the contract. Lucent indicated that it would be able to make the necessary upgrades within ninety days after RUS approval of the contract.

Pine Belt Wireless hereby reports that it has provided Lucent with a purchase order for the switch upgrade. The Companies understand that only software will be required to complete the upgrade, and anticipate the upgrade to be completed before the requested May 23, 2004 extension date.

Respectfully submitted.

Terry Smyly, Customer Service Manager

Pine Belt Cellular, Inc.

Pine Belt PCS, Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. Petition for Waiver of Section 20.18(c) of the Commission's Rules and the Deadline Established in the Fourth Report and Order, CC Docket No. 94-102, filed June 28, 2002 ("Petition"). The Petition was amended on January 15, 2003, and on October 15, 2003 ("Amended Petition"). The Amended Petition remains pending at the Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Companies anticipate that the switch upgrade will not be completed by the April 2004 timeframe, as indicated in the January 15, 2004, status report. See Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. & Pine Belt PCS, Inc., TTY Status Report, January 15, 2004.